# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	Ref. Nos. 233, 487
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
FTX TRADING LTD., et al., 1	Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)
In re:	Chapter 11

NOTICE OF (I) SOLICITATION OF INITIAL BIDS, (II) PROPOSED SALE OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES FREE AND CLEAR OF ANY LIENS, CLAIMS, INTERESTS AND ENCUMBRANCES, (III) AUCTION(S) AND SALE HEARING(S) AND (IV) RELATED DATES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 11 and November 14, 2022, FTX Trading Ltd. ("FTX Trading") and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession (the "Debtors") filed voluntary petitions for relief under of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on December 15, 2022, the Debtors filed the Motion of Debtors for Entry of Orders (I)(A) Approving Bid Procedures, Stalking Horse Protections and the Form and Manner of Notices for the Sale of Certain Businesses, (B) Approving Assumption and Assignment Procedures and (C) Scheduling Auction(s) and Sale Hearing(s) and (II)(A) Approving the Sale(s) Free and Clear of Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances and (B) Authorizing Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases [D.I. 233] (the "Motion")<sup>2</sup> with the Court seeking entry of orders, among other things, (i) scheduling auction(s) (each, an "Auction") for, and hearing(s) to approve, the sale of certain of the Debtors' assets and (ii) authorizing and approving the sale of certain assets of the Debtors free and clear of any liens, claims, interests and encumbrances.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on January 12, 2023, the Court entered an order (the "Bid Procedures Order") [D.I. 487] approving certain Bid Procedures (the "Bid Procedures"), attached as Exhibit 1 to the Bid Procedures Order, which establish the key

The last four digits of FTX Trading Ltd.'s and Alameda Research LLC's tax identification number are 3288 and 4063 respectively. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.ra.kroll.com/FTX.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All capitalized terms used but otherwise not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Motion.

dates and times related to the Sale and the Auction(s). All interested bidders should carefully read the Bid Procedures Order and the Bid Procedures in their entirety.<sup>3</sup>

Pursuant to the Bid Procedures, the Debtors are selling the following businesses, in each case, including any associated contracts, rights or other property of the Debtors:

- <u>Embed Business</u>: Non-Debtor Embed Financial Technologies Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Embed Technologies</u>"), together with its wholly-owned non-Debtor subsidiary, Embed Clearing LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, operate a correspondent clearing and custody platform that provides registered investment advisors, broker-dealers and other financial institutions with APIs and brokerage services. The Debtors are soliciting bids for the disposition of 100% of the common stock of Embed Technologies held by Debtor West Realm Shires Inc.;
- <u>LedgerX Business</u>: Non-Debtor LedgerX LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>LedgerX</u>"), is a digital currency futures and options exchange and clearinghouse regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The Debtors are soliciting bids for the disposition of 100% of the interests in LedgerX held by Debtor Ledger Holdings Inc.;
- FTX Japan Business: Debtor FTX Japan Holdings K.K., a Japanese company ("FTX Japan Holdings"), is the holding company for its wholly-owned subsidiaries Debtor FTX Japan K.K. ("FTX Japan"), which operates a registered cryptocurrency exchange providing residents of Japan the ability to trade crypto and crypto derivatives, and Debtor Quoine Pte Ltd. ("FTX Singapore"), which operates a cryptocurrency exchange in Singapore under exemption while its license application is being processed. The Debtors are soliciting bids for the disposition of the FTX Japan Business, which may involve a sale of 100% of the interests in FTX Japan Holdings held by FTX Trading or separate sales of 100% of the interests in FTX Japan or FTX Singapore held by FTX Japan Holdings; and
- <u>FTX Europe Business</u>: Debtor FTX Europe AG, a Swiss corporation limited by shares ("<u>FTX Europe</u>"), is the holding company for a number of operating and non-operating subsidiaries constituting the Debtors' European digital assets and derivatives business (not including the Debtors' crypto exchange). The Debtors are soliciting bids for the disposition of the FTX Europe Business, which may involve a sale of 100% of the interests in FTX Europe held by FTX Trading or sales of stock and/or assets of FTX Europe and/or its subsidiaries.<sup>4</sup>

To the extent of any inconsistencies between the Bid Procedures and the summary descriptions of the Bid Procedures in this notice, the Bid Procedures shall control in all respects.

Subsidiaries of FTX Europe that may be included in any sale of the FTX Europe Business are Debtors FTX Structured Products AG (f/k/a DAAG Capital GmbH); DAAG Trading, DMCC; FTX Certificates GmbH; FTX EU Ltd (f/k/a K-DNA Financial Services Ltd); FTX Crypto Services Ltd.; FTX Switzerland GmbH; FTX Exchange FZE and FTX Trading GmbH and non-Debtor FTX Derivatives GmbH.

# Any interested bidder should contact, as soon as practical:

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The Bid Procedures set forth requirements for submitting a Qualified Bid, and any person interested in making an offer to purchase the Business(es) must comply strictly with the Bid Procedures. Only Qualified Bids will be considered by the Debtors, in accordance with the Bid Procedures.

#### IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES<sup>5</sup>

#### 1. Bid Deadlines.

In order to be a Qualified Bidder, a Potential Bidder must submit a non-binding indication of interest in electronic format to the Bid Notice Parties so as to be received not later than the applicable preliminary bid deadline set forth below (each, a "Preliminary Bid Deadline"):

Business	Preliminary Bid Deadline (5:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time on the below listed dates)
Embed Business	January 18, 2023
LedgerX Business	January 25, 2023
FTX Japan Business	February 1, 2023
FTX Europe Business	February 1, 2023

In order to participate in an Auction for a Business, a Potential Bidder must deliver the Required Bid Documents in electronic format to the Bid Notice Parties so as to be received not later than the applicable bid deadline set forth below (each, a "Bid Deadline"):

Business	Bid Deadline (5:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time on the below listed dates)
Embed Business	February 15, 2023
LedgerX Business	March 1, 2023

The following dates and deadlines may be extended by the Debtors, after consultation with the Consulting Professionals, or the Court pursuant to the terms of the Bid Procedures and the Bid Procedures Order.

FTX Japan Business	March 15, 2023
FTX Europe Business	March 15, 2023

The Debtors may extend the Preliminary Bid Deadlines and the Bid Deadlines, after consultation with the Consulting Professionals, without further order of the Court. If the Debtors extend any Preliminary Bid Deadline or Bid Deadline, the Debtors will promptly notify all Potential Bidders.

- 2. **Sale Objection Deadline.** The deadline to file an objection with the Court to the Sale is (1) seven days prior to the applicable Sale Hearing at 4:00 pm. (prevailing Eastern Time) or (2) in the event an Auction is conducted, and solely with respect to objections related to the conduct of the Auction, the identity of the Successful Bidder, any proposed sale of causes of action by the Debtors to the Successful Bidder, or lack of adequate assurance of future performance from the Successful Bidder with respect to Counterparties whose contracts are to be assumed and assigned, the earlier of (a) two business days after the Notice of Successful Bidder is filed at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) and (b) at the Sale Hearing.
- 3. **Auction(s).** In the event that the Debtors timely receive two or more Qualified Bids with respect to the same or overlapping Businesses, the Debtors shall conduct one or more Auctions with respect to such Businesses on one or more auction dates. The Debtors expect to hold Auctions for the Embed Business, the LedgerX Business, the FTX Japan Business and the FTX Europe Business, if applicable, at the offices of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, 125 Broad Street, New York, New York 10004, on the following dates, at times to be determined:

Business	Auction Date
Embed Business	February 21, 2023
LedgerX Business	March 7, 2023
FTX Japan Business	March 21, 2023
FTX Europe Business	March 21, 2023

The Debtors may (i) hold the Auction(s) at such other locations as they designate and (ii) after consultation with the Consulting Professionals, hold the Auction(s) on such other dates as they designate, cancel any scheduled Auction and conduct Auctions for one or more of the Businesses other than as indicated above. The date, time and location of any Auction shall be timely communicated to all Qualified Bidders and to the Consulting Professionals entitled to attend such Auction, and notice of the same shall be filed with the Court no later than two business days before the scheduled Auction. Each Auction shall be in accordance with the Bid Procedures and any procedural rules for the conduct of the Auction provided in advance to all Qualified Bidders entitled to attend such Auction.

- 4. Notice of Successful Bidder(s). Within one business day of the conclusion of each Auction, but in no event less than one full business day prior to the applicable Sale Hearing, the Debtors shall file with the Court notice of the identity of the Successful Bidder and any Alternate Bidder, the amount of the Successful Bid and any Alternate Bid, any connections the Successful Bidder or Alternate Bidder have with the Debtors and any of the Debtors' current or former directors or officers, and any causes of action proposed to be sold by the Debtors to the Successful Bidder or any Alternate Bidder (each such notice, a "Notice of Successful Bidder"). If the Successful Bidder or Alternate Bidder is a special purpose entity, the Notice of Successful Bidder shall also identify the entity or entities that are the primary equity holders, or otherwise control, the special purpose entity, and disclose whether those primary equity holders have any connections with the Debtors or any of the Debtors' current or former directors or officers. At that same time, the Debtors shall serve notice of the same by fax, email or (if neither is available) overnight mail to all Counterparties whose contracts are to be assumed and assigned in accordance with the Assumption and Assignment Procedures.
- 5. **Sale Hearing(s).** The hearing(s) to consider approval of the Sale(s) (the "Sale Hearing(s)") will be held before the Honorable John T. Dorsey, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 N. Market St, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 on the following dates, at times to be determined, or as soon thereafter as the Debtors may be heard:

Business	Sale Hearing Date
Embed Business	February 27, 2023
LedgerX Business	March 13, 2023
FTX Japan Business	March 27, 2023
FTX Europe Business	March 27, 2023

The Sale Hearing(s) may be adjourned or modified by the Debtors, after consultation with the Consulting Professionals, by an announcement of the adjourned date or modification at a hearing before the Court and/or by filing a notice on the Court's docket. If the Debtors do not receive any Qualified Bids, the Debtors will notify the Consulting Professionals of such fact promptly (and in no event more than 24 hours thereafter) after the Bid Deadline and will report the same to the Court at the applicable Sale Hearing. At the Sale Hearing(s), the Debtors will seek approval of the offer(s) constituting the Successful Bid(s) and, at the Debtors' option after consultation with the Consulting Professionals, the offer(s) constituting the Alternate Bid(s).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the Bid Procedures Order and subject to the terms thereof, the Debtors, in consultation with the Consulting Professionals, may designate a stalking horse bid (each, a "Stalking Horse Bid"), at any time up until ten days prior to the applicable Auction, and execute a purchase agreement with the applicable stalking horse bidder. No bid may be a Stalking Horse Bid if it does not constitute a

Qualified Bid. Any designation of a Stalking Horse Bidder or proposed grant of Bid Protections will be subject to the Stalking Horse Procedures as set forth in the Bid Procedures Order.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors reserve their rights to, in their reasonable business judgment and after consultation with the Consulting Professionals, extend the deadlines set forth in the Bid Procedures; modify bidding increments; adjourn, reschedule or cancel the Auction(s); withdraw from the Auction(s) any or all of the Businesses; adjourn the Sale Hearing(s); cancel the sale process or, if the Debtors determine that it will better promote the goals of the bidding process and discharge the Debtors' fiduciary duties and not be inconsistent in any material respect with the Bid Procedures Order, the Bankruptcy Rules or the Local Rules, after consultation with the Consulting Professionals, to (a) impose, at or prior to the Auction(s), additional terms and conditions on the sale of the Businesses or (b) waive the terms and conditions set forth in the Bid Procedures with respect to any or all potential bidders. This Notice is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Bid Procedures Order and the Bid Procedures.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that except as provided in any agreement with respect to a Sale approved by the Bankruptcy Court, the Debtors shall seek to have the Court, through the applicable Sale Order, approve the sale of all of the Debtors' right, title and interest in and to the assets subject thereto free and clear of any liens, claims, encumbrances and other interests pursuant to section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that responses or objections, if any, to the relief requested in the Motion (other than relief granted by the Bid Procedures Order or with respect to the assumption and assignment of Assumed Debtor Contracts) must be filed electronically with the Court on the docket of In re FTX Trading, LTD., et al., Case No. 22-11068 (JTD), in accordance with Local Rule 5005-4, and must (a) be in writing and specify the nature of such objection; (b) state, with specificity, the legal and factual bases thereof; (c) comply with the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules and the Bid Procedures Order and (d) be filed with the Court and served on (i) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Trustee") (Attn: Juliet Sarkessian, juliet.m.sarkessian@usdoj.gov); (ii) proposed counsel to the Debtors, (A) Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, 125 Broad Street, New York, New York 10004, Attn: Andy G. Dietderich (dietdericha@sullcrom.com), Mitchell S. Eitel (eitelm@sullcrom.com), Audra D. Cohen (cohena@sullcrom.com) and Stephen M. Salley (salleys@sullcrom.com) and (B) Landis Rath & Cobb LLP, 919 N. Market St., Suite 1800, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Adam G. Landis (landis@lrclaw.com) and Kimberly A. Brown (brown@lrclaw.com); (iii) proposed counsel to the Committee, (A) Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Matthew B. Lunn (mlunn@ycst.com) and Robert F. Poppiti, Jr. (rpoppiti@ycst.com) and (B) Paul Hastings LLP, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166, Attn: Kristopher M. Hansen (krishansen@paulhastings.com), Luc A. Despins (lucdespins@paulhastings.com), Erez E. Gilad (erezgilad@paulhastings.com), Gabriel E. Sasson (gabesasson@paulhastings.com), Samantha Martin (samanthamartin@paulhastings.com) and (iv) all parties requesting notice in these Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002, which service may be made through the CM/ECF filing system, with courtesy copies by email on the U.S. Trustee, proposed counsel to the Debtors and proposed counsel to the Committee, no later than (A) seven days prior to the applicable Sale Hearing at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing

Eastern Time) (the "Sale Objection Deadline") or (B) in the event an Auction is conducted, and solely with respect to objections related to the conduct of the Auction, the identity of the Successful Bidder, any proposed sale of causes of action by the Debtors to the Successful Bidder, or lack of adequate assurance of future performance from the Successful Bidder with respect to Counterparties whose contracts are to be assumed and assigned, the earlier of (1) two business days after the Notice of Successful Bidder is filed at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) and (2) at the Sale Hearing (the "Post-Auction Objection Deadline").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that only those responses or objections that are timely filed, served and received will be considered at the Sale Hearing(s). Absent order of the Court to the contrary, any party failing to timely file and serve an objection to the applicable Sale(s) on or before the Sale Objection Deadline or Post-Auction Objection Deadline, as applicable, in accordance with the Bid Procedures Order and this Notice shall be forever barred from asserting any objection to the applicable Sale(s), including with respect to the transfer of the applicable Business(es) free and clear of any liens, claims, encumbrances and other interests.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this Notice is subject to the fuller terms and conditions of the Motion and the Bid Procedures Order, with such Bid Procedures Order controlling in the event of any conflict, and the Debtors encourage parties-in-interest to review such documents in their entirety. Copies of the Motion, the Bid Procedures and the Bid Procedures Order, as well as all related exhibits, including all other documents filed with the Court, are available (i) free of charge from the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, Kroll Restructuring Administration ("Kroll"), at <a href="https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/FTX">https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/FTX</a> and (ii) for a fee on the Court's electronic docket for these Chapter 11 Cases at <a href="https://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov">www.deb.uscourts.gov</a> (a PACER login and password are required and can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at <a href="https://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov">www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov</a>). Documents relating to the Sale(s), including the Motion, the Bid Procedures Order, this Notice and the Contract Notices can be accessed at <a href="https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/ftx/Home-">https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/ftx/Home-</a>

<u>DocketInfo?DocAttribute=4562&DocAttrName=SALEDOCUMENTS\_Q&MenuID=9892&AttributeName=Sale%20Document</u>. In addition, copies of the Motion, the Bid Procedures and the Bid Procedures Order may be requested from Kroll by email at <u>FTXInfo@ra.kroll.com</u> or by phone at 888-482-0049 (US/Canada Toll-Free); 646-440-4176 (International).

Dated: January 13, 2023 Wilmington, Delaware

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